

have been established, and potentially we can go into the future in terms of what is coming down on grants. It will provide us the structure and what the Legislature wants to do to make sure we continually review and take care of the children that are unfortunate enough to be placed in out-of-home facilities for some type of care. In addition, we hope it will...they can send constructive remarks to all the legal parties. That intent is there. Also, we will notify, part of the present process is a hearing where all parties are involved. We will make sure that all parties are involved in this hearing process and through some change, Foster Care Review Board will do this with additional systems so the caseworkers, the actual caseworkers will not have to get involved in that process. They can show up and do the work that they should be doing. I believe also that it will provide multidisciplinary citizen involvement where the community is involved, citizens are involved in helping in the process. We currently have about 200 volunteers, which have a diverse background. There is attorneys, mental health, children, professionals, doctors, nurses, and educators involved in that. So with that broad spectrum, I think we can have...I am sure we will have a review that is adequate and more than adequate to meet the needs of the children. Additionally, in the system we have and potentially in the future, we will be able to access additional federal dollars. As of today, there are additional federal dollars available in this review process, and that is through the FDC process. So the bill does make some significant change in sense of finally putting the responsibility in one entity to get the reviews done and make sure children are taken care of adequately, but it isn't that drastic a change in terms of the process that is going on right now. I believe it will do and reduce some duplication. In the long run, it is going to save some money. There are several areas that were brought up in working on the language. In the amendment that I have, it, basically, completes. I've worked closely with DSS. I can't say they are in favor of it, but I've worked closely with them, and felt that I met most of the requirements and a number of changes to meet things that they brought up that...where we made the changes to prepare, present the bill in the best form that we could. Areas that will be, I am sure, discussed and brought up are cost of reviews, quality of reviews, a little bit of history. We have amendments that were brought up in the meetings we've had to make it a code agency. As a legislative body, we created this Foster Care Review Board, and there is a tendency to keep it somewhat antagonistic. Any time you have one entity that looks over the